



Fannin County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Jury Assembly Room
January 28, 2020 5:15 p.m.

OPENING REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Helton called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Present in meeting were Chairman Helton, Post One Commissioner Earl Johnson and Post Two Commissioner Glenn Patterson.

The Invocation was led by Commissioner Glenn Patterson and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Earl Johnson.

Chairman Helton moved to amend the agenda to remove Item #6 being Executive Director Sherry Morris which will be moved to the February 11, 2020 Regular Meeting. Also, Chairman Helton moved Item #10 being Executive Session to be Item #3 directly after the Public Commentary. Chairman Helton made motion first to amend the agenda reflecting the changes. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chairman Helton asked for a Motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2020 Workshop, January 28, 2020 Regular Board Meeting and January 23, 2020 Special Called Meeting. Motion made first by Commissioner Johnson. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

First to approach the podium was Mr. Joe Webb which made several comments regarding the Local Legislation. Mr. Webb also commented on the Pre-K Program.

Next to approach the podium was Mr. Ralph Garner. Mr. Garner stated he felt it was unfair the citizens of Fannin County were left out of the discussion between the Board of Commissioners and the Mountain Regional Library Board regarding the Fannin County Library at the Special Called Meeting held on January 23, 2020.

Public Commentary was closed at 5:19 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Item #3 on the agenda was the Executive Session. Chairman Helton stated there was a need for Executive Session in order to discuss possible litigation. Chairman Helton made Motion first at 5:20 p.m. to go into Executive Session. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Helton Made a motion first at 5:36 p.m. to come out of Executive Session. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda was Item #4, Variance Request from Keith Curr. Chairman Helton stated the variance was to build a house 30 feet from the edge of Oak Ridge Way and 35 feet from the centerline of Oak Ridge Way. Chairman Helton asked if anyone was present to object to the variance request. Gary Gelderman and Bob Morris of the Hemptown Heights area approached the podium to state their objections to the variance. Commissioner Johnson stated he would like more time to see variances in the same area before approving the variance. Chairman Helton made a motion first to table the variance until the February 11, 2020 Regular Board Meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda was Item#5, Variance Request from Somerset Partners of Tennessee to build a house with porch being 20 feet from the centerline and 14 feet from the edge of Lot #10 in Quail Ridge

Subdivision. Chairman Helton asked for a motion to approve the variance. Motion made first by Commissioner Johnson. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda was Item #6, Variance Request from Serene Mountain Properties, Inc. This variance was tabled from the last meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on January 14, 2020 due to objections. This variance is to build a new home with porch being 17 feet from the edge of Grandeur and 24.5 feet from the centerline of Grandeur Drive on Lot #22, 23, 24, & 25. The land is very steep and this is the best location for the home. Chairman Helton made Motion first to approve the variance. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed with Commissioner Johnson abstaining from vote due to conflict.

Next on the agenda was Item #7, Sheriff Dane Kirby approached the podium to present to the Board a Contract and Agreement between McCaysville Properties, LLC and Fannin County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia. Sheriff Kirby stated the Fannin County Sheriff's Department would have access to the property for the purpose of firearm training. Sheriff Kirby stated the lease would be from January 2020 and terminate on December 21, 2024. Chairman Helton made a Motion first to approve the lease agreement between McCaysville Properties, LLC and Fannin County. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda was Item #8, EMA Director Robert Graham. Mr. Graham approached the Board to present the Hazard Mitigation Planning Contract. Mr. Graham explained to the Board the terms of the contract. Chairman Helton asked for a Motion to approve the Hazard Mitigation Planning Contract. Motion made first by Commissioner Johnson. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Graham also had a second item being the need for another vehicle for the new Firefighters to use. Mr. Graham stated they wanted to use a truck they already have and then purchase a new EMS Truck. Mr. Graham presented two quotes to the Board, one was in the amount of \$34,247.65 from Chevrolet for a Traverse and the other was in the amount of \$29,940.00 for a Ford Explorer from North Georgia Ford. Mr. Graham recommended the lower quote. Chairman Helton made first Motion to purchase the Ford Explorer in the amount of \$29,940.00. Commissioner Patterson made Motion second. Motion passed unanimously.

Last on the agenda was Item #9, Public Works Director Zack Ratcliff. Mr. Ratcliff presented to the Board for approval to purchase a Cyclone PTO Debris Blower from Mason Tractor in Blue Ridge. Mr. Ratcliff stated the quote was for \$5,000.00 with a ten year warranty. Mr. Ratcliff stated this piece of equipment would be utilized year round. Chairman Helton made a motion first to approve the purchase of the Cyclone PTO Debris Blower in the amount of \$5,000.00 to be paid for out of SPLOST. Motion made second by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was held prior to Public Commentary as Item #3.

CLOSING

Chairman Helton asked for a Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:15 p.m. Motion made first by Commissioner Patterson. Motion made second by Chairman Helton. Motion passed unanimously.

Stan Helton, Chairman

Earl Johnson, Post One Commissioner

Glenn Patterson, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:

Sherri Walker, County Clerk